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Racial Gerrymandering

Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission,

I have recently done quite a bit of reading on the racial gerrymandering that the members of your commission are taking part in. Here's a lovely quote from some local press; "Citizens charged with re-drawing Minneapolis ward and park district boundaries seemed to agree Wednesday that they want to create a ward on the near south side that would have a coalition of racial minorities that could elect one of its own to the City Council."

How do you all respond to this? You do understand that this is racial gerrymandering right?! Do you all understand that doing this in the real estate business would get you thrown in jail?

Here's a lovely quote from Miss Rubenstein: "We want to create an opportunity for minority voters," said commission member Andrea Rubenstein. "There have been enormous demographic changes in Minneapolis in the last 10 years." Miss Rubenstein, minority voters have the same opportunity that everyone else has.........It's called election day. Your job is not to create opportunities for anyone, the opportunities already exist, it is up to the individuals or groups to take hold of those opportunities.

I want all of you to know that many, many citizens in my ward have expressed grave concern over the direction you are heading with this.

I would like a response, an explanation and what you all plan on doing to rectify the flagrant racial gerrymandering that you are all taking part in.

Sincerely, A Disgusted Minneapolis Citizen Dave Hawley